GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS PARCEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the catering staff of the contractors in Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains areindulging in illegal transporting of goods/parcels from one place to another;

(b) if so, whether surprise checks are conducted from time to time in this regard;

(c) if so, the number of persons found guilty and the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to check such type of practice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d) : In terms of the pantry car licence agreement carrying parcels or goods other than permissible items of permitted quantity in the pantry car is a punishable offence.

However, one case of transporting of illegal goods was reported on Ghuwahati Rajdhani Express train and the licence of the pantry car contract has since been terminated. Regular and surprise inspections are conducted to check such type of practice.